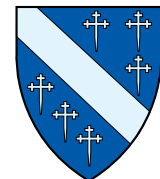
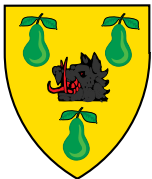


The Heraldic Ancestry of Ann Todd

ANN TODD’S paternal grandfather, James Joseph Todd, married Ann, the granddaughter of Alexander Pirie of Waterton and his wife Anne, daughter and co-heir of Francis Logie of Middlefield. Francis Logie’s wife Jean Gordon was the granddaughter of Charles Gordon of Buthlaw, a “gateway” who links to the arms of many Gordons and whose wife, Jean Udny of Cultercullen, links to the families of Johnston of that Ilk, Seton of Meldrum, Cheyne of Esselmont, and Forbes of Monymusk (all families that link into many more “gateways”).



One of Ann Todd's great-great-grandmothers was Jane, daughter of William Forbes of Echt and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Arbuthnot of Balglessie. Elizabeth's mother Mary opens the gate to the Falconers of Halkerton, Ramsays of Balmain, Setons of that Ilk and the Ogilvies of Airlie, and the Arbuthnots lead to the Frasers of Lovat, Stewarts of Atholl, Lindsays of the Byres, Campbells of Argyll, Gordons of Pitlurg, Gordons of Haddo, and the Grahams of Menteith.

Of course, all these are "gateways" in their own right, leading into all the major families of north-eastern Scotland and to a substantial proportion of those of the remainder of the kingdom. The Huntly Gordons lead to the kings of both Scotland and England, so the arms of both countries may rightly be placed at the top of the chart.

This example should encourage all ancestor hunters to research their distaff lines diligently. Their "gateways" will lead to heraldic riches!

